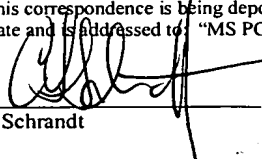


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER: <b>201-152</b>                             |
|   |   | U.S. APPLICATION No. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5):<br><b>10/520324</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.:<br>PCT/EP2003/007239   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE:<br>07 July 2003 (07.07.2003) | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED:<br>17 July 2002 (17.07.2002)                  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INSERTING BLANKS TO BE THREADED IN AUTOMATIC ROTARY ROLLING MACHINES   |   |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: GHEZZI, Enrico   |   |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |   |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (ROIUS).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau, and are incorporated into the included <u>substitute</u> specification and <u>claims</u>.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Report under PCT Examination Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with a citation sheet and four (4) reference documents.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <u>substitute</u> specification and <u>claims</u> (clean copy) that includes the Amendments made in the International Application.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) with International Search Report.</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: IPER; Written Opinion; Forms PCT/IB/301, PCT/IB/304, PCT/IB/308 and PCT/IB/332.</li> </ol> |   |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5):<br><div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 5px;">10/520324</div>   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.:<br>PCT/EP2003/007239                           |            | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER:<br>Z01-152                                  |  |
| 21. The following fees are submitted:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee <span style="float: right;">\$300.00</span><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee <span style="float: right;">\$200.00</span><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee <span style="float: right;">\$500.00</span><br><div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 5px;"> <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b> </div>   |              |   |            | <b>Applicant use</b><br>\$300.00<br>\$200.00<br>\$500.00<br>\$1000.00 | <b>Office use only</b><br><br><br><br><br> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |   |            |   |  |
| Total Sheets   | Extra sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number) | RATE       |   |  |
| 6 - 100 =  | 0/50 =       |   | x \$250.00 | \$  |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |              |   |            | \$130.00  |  |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE       | \$  |  |
| Total claims   | 2 - 20 =     | 0   | x \$50.00  | \$  |  |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =      | 0   | x \$200.00 | \$  |  |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)  |              |   | + \$360.00 | \$  |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |              |   |            | \$1130.00   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |   |            | \$565.00  |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |              |   |            | \$565.00  |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |              |   |            | \$  |  |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |              |   |            | \$565.00  |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property   |              |   |            | \$  |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |              |   |            | \$565.00  |  |
| <b>Amount to be refunded:</b>  |              |   |            |   | \$   |
| <b>Amount to be charged:</b>   |              |   |            |   | \$   |
| <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$565.00</b> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>04-0838</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</p> <p><b>DATED: January 5, 2005</b></p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>R. Neil Sudol<br/>Coleman Sudol Sapone, P.C.<br/>714 Colorado Avenue<br/>Bridgeport, CT 06605-1601<br/>Tel. (203) 366-3560</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <br/>           SIGNATURE<br/> <hr/> <p>R. Neil Sudol<br/>NAME<br/> <hr/> <p>31,669<br/>REGISTRATION NUMBER</p> </p></div> </div> |              |   |            |   |  |